

Subject: Re: [TzM CORE] Australian Magazine and TVP Hit Piece :(

From: Brandy Hume <tpvchallenge@gmail.com>

Date: 8/12/2012 9:45 AM

To: tzm-core-team@googlegroups.com

"I was naive and i took Fresco on face value - without research and without asking experts on matters in question - same as you have Brandy. "

Sorry, speak for yourself. I was not at all "naive" in my support of TVP, and the only reason we're not still supporting it is because of functional/structural differences, and hence the split, as is outlined on the TzM website FAQ. I understand that the situation has escalated to a financial one, but that has nothing to do with whether Fresco's SCIENCE is valid, and your points on that issue might have been taken more seriously if you didn't pollute it with the additional *E! True Hollywood* crap). You can rant and rave all you want about the supposed illegitimacy of Fresco's science, but your conduct was uncalled for, and unfortunately due to the way the groups parted (and your clear emotional disdain bleeding through the article) your "scientific" message was lost, and overshadowed as the lashing out of a hurt and angry former-member.

(Re: *If TzM was so blind[...]then why the hell should we bother to listen to them now?*) "The answer is - we should not. Instead we should present the adherence to the scientific method..."

(I assume you mean "they" should not, meaning others should not just "listen to" TzM.) Well, as cute and "scientific" as that sounds, how can we "present" anything if no one's **listening?** Someone has to be **listening to us** in the FIRST PLACE for us to even suggest that they "adhere to the scientific method," etc. etc. We have to be able to point them to the materials, or whatever the case may be. You're acting like people are just going to wake up randomly in the middle of the night with the sudden urge to research a Resource Based Economy and the Scientific Method, and type in the URL. LOL you are so full of crap. I'm sorry, but now you're just starting to piss me off with this ridiculous nonsense, and I feel I've been very calm and rational up until now. (Where's Tom when I need him? lol)

"to be fair -i didnt just support it - i organized it here in Australia. I was a very staunch advocate of TVP back then."

I know that, and I thought that was implied in my message, and hence the "**etc.**" I simply didn't want to go into all the details of what you did for them, as that wasn't the point of my email, obviously. Your point here about how much you were a "very staunch advocate" is only *strengthening* MY original point! Goodness gracious.

On Dec 6, 2012, at 9:07 AM, David Z wrote:

Why after more than a year since the split, David decides to broadside them? Can you explain that one?

TVP pocketing the \$100,000 was the final straw - a clear misconduct on their behalf. I haven't changed my mind about TVP overnight, it was a gradual transition during a careful observation of TVP that was followed with the research of some of their proposals. I have to admit that conversations with people like Richard Heinberg, Nicole Foss or lectures by Derrek Jensen lead me to some of the conclusions written.

After all, TZM and TVP strongly advocates that informed people, like scientists should be at the front of the decision making process. These are few of them, and these are the ones that I have asked about TVPs approach (directly or indirectly). I'm sorry, but i haven't heard the same things that Jacque Fresco talks about - very often far from it.

Has something recently happened which prompted it?

Yes. Actually it did. The Spirit of the Times magazine was releasing its *Debunking* issue. The article fitted the theme and my understanding had reached a point to bear fruits.

You start the article out talking about how you supported TVP in their tour, etc. How firmly you stood behind them (as many of us did). Then later you mention that Fresco's theories have never been tested and aren't proven... (???) Regardless of whether that is true, if that is the case then why were you behind them to begin with?

I was naive and i took Fresco on face value - without research and without asking experts on matters in question - same as you have Brandy.

If TZM was so blind as to support a fallacious idea to begin with, after we argued that it's not supported, then why the hell should we bother to listen to them now?

The answer is - we should not. Instead we should present the adherence to the scientific method. Show that even the movement is amending its points of view and that its views are dynamic. All information is emergent and TZM should show that we are as well.

One could argue that our understanding started with a anti-banking and conspiracy-oriented approach and has evolved into a human concern oriented systems approach - time to evolve even further and walk our talk. Its time to apply the scientific method of inquiry to our own understanding AND decision within the movement. Currently, we are not doing this.

Brandy and all - have you ever had that hard and tiresome conversation with a someone who just did not get what TZM stands for? how stubborn he was and almost resistant to the ideas? Yet you have tried and tried to communicate these ideas, not out of frustration and desire to win the argument, but out of the necessity to inform another human being of x? How i feel throughout my presence in this group is exactly as that messenger.

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Day by day, I am more and more mind blown how desperately the zeitgeist needs to change - within the zeitgeist movement. How TZM has become the manifestation of our current society instead of a example to look up to. How politics, PR and personal power plays have become more important then walking the talk. How The scientific method has become a secondary option.

Wouldn't we want to know an error about the RBE, or the organizations that we support? Aren't we supposed to be the ones that are welcoming to be proven wrong? Don't we want to apply the scientific method to our own decisions and understanding? Or is this something we just talk about? And are we to ignore the scientific truth because its more beneficial to lean towards PR? Or are we genuinely committing

to what we advocate?

On 6/12/2012 7:09 PM, Ben McLeish© wrote:

I like the Aussie tall poppy syndrome, it has a lot of benefits. Which makes me then wonder why, after more than a year since the split, David decides to broadside them? Can you explain that one? If its not big deal, why the article at all? Has something recently happened which prompted it?

And to be honest, the rest of the concerns I have are covered by brandy's email. David I'm not sure what it is, but you have been consistently blunt and quick to anger in the history of this group. I'm not sure you can be demanding "mature replies" of anyone presently. Just take five before posting again, rather than tapping out the next email. It's getting to the point where I would rather not be part of this "team".

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, David Z wrote:

Tom.

Can you ever afford a more mature reply? instead calling people names and making wanker-like replies?

dont you know better how to behave in front of people you even havent met?

and how is that his behaviour is not conemed here all the sudden? is trolling and ad-hominem all the sudden allowed?

and thats just after the new orientation guide has been released thst specifically adresses such behaviour.

Typed and sent through a mobile phone.

"there is hundreds of thousand of dollars donated out of good will that are going down the drain" Doh!

Welcome to the monetary system.

Brandy! Thank you for your much more lucid & gracious reply, I will get there hopefully one day I just have little time for this kind of crap.

"Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better". Martin luther King Jr.

"What`s this day of rest shit?" Jesus Quintana (The Big Lebowski)

Date: Wed, 5 Dec 2012 10:04:15 -0600

From: tvpchallenge@gmail.com

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Regarding whether or not peer review would have prevented this, it depends on who's reviewing it. (As David said, it (apparently) *was* reviewed.) I can tell you the first thing I thought when I saw TVP's response was, as Ben said, "why was this even written?" and secondly, "how did this get published?" I was wondering who reviewed/approved it and who all was behind it which is why I didn't speak out against it publicly; I thought if the entire TZMA Magazine team (whoever that may be), and perhaps even Peter, was behind it for reasons I might not yet have understood, then it was not my place to denounce it.

However, seeing as how everyone including myself seems to be caught off guard by it, I will mention that my following thought was that there is no way that article would have gotten past our Editors, because regardless of its validity, whatever's written in it is not the message or tone we want to communicate to our audience. We have had several articles submitted that were very well-written and informative (and we could tell it took the author a lot of time and effort) but had to be rejected because it did not make sense coming from "the voice of the movement." We asked those writers to publish it elsewhere.

Which brings me to David's response. You talk about Politics and Science and completely left out PR and how this makes us look to the public eye. You keep defending your points WITHIN the article itself, but what you are missing here is one major point: **You start the article out talking about how you supported TVP in their tour, etc. How firmly you stood behind them (as many of us did). Then later you mention that Fresco's theories have never been tested and aren't proven... (???)** Regardless of whether that is true, if that is the case then why were you behind them to begin with? **I can guarantee you that 3rd-party readers and especially nay-sayers will be asking the same question now.** "If TZM was so blind as to support a fallacious idea to begin with, after we argued that it's not supported, then why the hell should we bother to listen to them now?" (I'm looking forward to responding to those...) You mean to tell me this didn't occur to you at all before writing/publishing it? You talk about ethics but did you stop to think how you might make the rest of the ZM members feel, especially those who still have a good relationship with other TVP members? Did you consider the awkward position you would put us in by publicly denouncing TVP when some of us still have materials out there claiming that certain science behind it is valid?

At this point I understand that you're defending your arguments and statements in the article, and pointing out that Roxanne did not refute them, but that is beside the point. I feel that this is something that could have, and should have, been published on a personal blog if desired (though I'd still advise against that given your title, but at least the rest of the Movement isn't held accountable).

I think it's clear that most here don't agree with the decision to publish that article, especially using an Official TZM medium, and I ultimately find it irrational of you to hopelessly defend it on the basis of "science" as if there

are no other factors to consider.

(I'd also just like to mention that I have nothing against you personally, David, and I honestly did not even feel this strongly on the subject and was going to keep quiet until you started responding to others with these irrelevant objections, as if you're not listening to what anyone has to say. As if you don't care what your fellow members think or feel and are just defending your own agenda, taking it upon yourself to make an executive decision "in the name of science" because the rest of us supposedly don't know any better, and as if Peter has somehow been "persuaded" to respond this way because he can't think for himself. It was after picking up on that attitude from you that I felt the need to come forward.)

-- Sent from my mobile device

On Dec 5, 2012 8:37 AM, Ben McLeish <bjm2007@gmail.com> wrote:

Some peer review process would have done nothing. It's why it felt it had to be written that's the problem, if it is just out and out aggressive. But I haven't read it so I have no idea.

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Dec 2012, at 02:34 PM, David Z <david.z@zeitgeistaustralia.org> wrote:

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~Brandy~

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